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ROANOKE, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1890.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

HOR RENT.

We will offer for roat satif the first of January a large office on the first floor of the Exchange building for 820 per mouth. Rent to begin from January 1st. 1891. Call at once on, or address

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We can soll lots in the heart of the town at 35 to 40 per cent. lawer than any other lots near visom oan be bought for. MMMONS, AMBLER& CO., BHAL BSTATE AGENTS,

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MUSIC HAS ITS CHARMS.

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Roanoke and Southwest Virginia to our extensive steek of superb pianos of the following makes. We mention separately the colebrated "Byerett," one of the best; also the

Woher, Stack and a number of others of fine make. We sell them on easy terms

and guarantee all of them to give entire satisfaction. All you have to do is to

sall, see thom and be convinced. Organs,

all of the best makes, constantly on M. L. SMITH.

I HAVE JUST RECRIVED THE a largest consignment of singing canaries ever brought to Norfolk at one time. Every bird is guaranteed a singer. As a special inducement to out of town buyers I will make the following Christmas offer: One guaranteed male singer, one fine brass cage, one spring singer, one line brass dage, one spring book and chain, one box seed, one box silver gravel; all complete for 35, provided you will cut out this advertisement and send with order. Write for prices of gold fish and aquariums. W. I. WICKERMAN, 05 and 67 Granby St., Worfolk, Va. dec31-3t

TO LEASE-COAL YARD-The coal husiness interfering with the de-livery of lumber, we will lease the priv-Hege to any responsible party. CLARE & READ, office 316 Roznoke street.

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MOTICE TO WATER-CONSUMERS.

On and after this date and until further notice the water will be shut off between the hours of 11 p. m. and 6 a. m., in order to store a supply in the reservoir for use in case of fire. J. C. RAWN, Manager. dec31-1t

THE ROANOKE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Is ready to enter into negotiations with parties wishing to establish MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES

BOANOKE, VIRGINIA.

Address ARTHINGTON GILPIN. General Manager Roanoke Development Company, Roanoke, Va. dec5-1m

See our Christmas Chimes advertisement on the third page. It's a thing of

A CHRISTMAS EVE SHOOTING.

Frank Price, a Negro, Gots a Ball in His

There was a shooting affair last night just before dark at the Rorer Park Hotel, in which William Carter shot Frank Price. The circumstances are as follows: Price, who lives in a cabin close behind the hotel, was full of Christmas lightning-rod, and was beating his wife, when Pank Hancock, chief sook at the hotel, remarked that if he were Mrs. Price he would have Price in the courts. This incensed Price, who gave his wife a respite and turned his attention to Pank and some of the

attention to Pank and some of the waiters at the hotel who were with him. He drew a razor and attempted to assauls William Carter, a waiter. Carter ran off and came back with his pistol and shot Price in the face just as he was in the act of striking Pank Hancock with his razor. The ball took effect in Price's right cheek, near the nose. Officers Browning and Martin arrested Carter and Price. Carter was bailed by T. S. Crawford in the sum of \$25 for his appearance at the mayor's court to-day. appearance at the mayor's court to-day, and Price is still in jail.

Whether the ball glanced off and is lodged in Price's head is not certainly known. He did not seem badly hurt, and stood up in his cell and talked with & TIMES reporter.

A Christmas Tree.

The St. Andrew's Sunday-school will have a Christmas tree entertainment on Friday night. Prizes will be awarded to twenty-three classes for attendance, lessons and conduct during the past session and many fine presents will be

A Fine Christmas Card.

A fine specimen of ornamental painting is on exhibition at the drugstore of Budwell, Christian & Barbee, in the shape of a Christmas card. It was executed by Will A. Carr, the sign writer.

WHY DID BOWEN GO SCOTT FREE

The Case Will be Given to the Grand Jury.

Possibility That Bowen's Friends Mave Laid Themselves Liable--An Investigation to be Made to Find Who is Respensible for the Withdrawal of the Prosecution .- How the Case Was Con-

An uncomfortable feeling permeats the minds of some of those upon whom H. W. Bowon passed forged checks at divers times during the month of No vember. The trouble arises from the fact that Roy B. Smith, the commonwealth's attorney, has instituted inquiries which may evoke the aid of that portion of the statutes which prevides a penalty for compounding a felony,

Bowen's crooked work was first published in the columns of THE TIMES December 2, at which time it was stated that he had obtained certain moneys from Major Myers, president of the Norfolk Real Estate Exchange, while in the attendance upon the Nor-folk convention, estensibly as a member of the Roanoke real estate firm of Bateman & Kernehan.

Bateman & Kernehan.

It was then supposed his alleged peculations were confined to giving checks upon banks at which he had no account, but the investigation, consequent upon the publication, it is alleged, developed the fact that he had added forgery to his other industries, in one instance passing a check for \$25 upon a gentleman in Lynchburg to which the name of Smith & Pannell had been unlawfully signed.

It was further learned that he had

It was further learned that he had passed a check for \$9 upon P. Adler, of this city, purporting to have been signed by G. W. Thomas, and drawn upon a bank in Charleston, W. Va. This was returned with the indersoment "N. G.; no such party known here."

no such party known here."

In the meantime a warrant had been issued at the instance of H. G. Colo, of the State Savirgs Bank, but Bowen had disappeared. This warrant merely charged the young man with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Then Chief Morris became possessed of the Smith & Pannell forged check, and set about inquiries which resulted.

and set about inquiries which resulted in locating Bowen in Washington, at which place he was apprehended December 3, and was brought to Reanoke December 6.

December 6.

Bowen was bailed the same day in the sum of \$100, D. W. Flickwir going his security, and it was given out that he would be given a preliminary examination within ten days, and the swindled people waited for that examination.

But, if Bowen was industrious in procuring money by illegal methods, after his apprehension he and his friends were equally as industrious in paying

were equally as industrious in paying the several sums of which he had de-frauded various persons. Particularly was this the case with respect to the

checks.
P. Adler was visited and the amount he lost through Bowen's rascality was refunded to him, the former surrendoring the bogus check.
The Smith & Pannell check was then

taken up and, after securing the evi-dences of his guilt, Bowen had made his conviction for forgery impossible. Neither have his moral obligations been met, including the roward offered for his apprehension by President Hockaday, of the Roanoke Real Estate Exchange, which body felt under obligations to secure reimbursement to the Norfolk people, as Bowen was with the city delogation which attended the Norfolk convention and his devices were

Accommodations will be provided. Some of the warrant under which he was a rested and brought back to Washington, and this was done, according to Smith by Atlanta Smith by There has been a gradual improvement. Commonwealth's Attorney Smith, by representations made to Squire Howerton on behalf of the State Savings Bank, that Mr. Cole had exceeded his authority in obtaining said warrant, and, as th

in obtaining said warrant, and, as the warrant was for a misdemeaner, the magistrate had no option but to allow this action to be taken.

Mr. Smith, as stated abovo, will present the case to the grand jury at the next session, and the outcome of the affair may be fraught with anpleasant results to those who enabled Bowen to escape the lessons of the law. to escape the lessons of the law.

There are still other checks made by Bowen upon banks in which he had no funds which have not yet been satisfied, and Bowen may have still further trouble if he there is no chance to reach him on the first charges brought against

Rev. Mr. Councill's Residence Burned. A small cottage near Hollins Institute, in which Rev. J. G. Councill had lived for several years, was burned yesterday. Mr. Councill had made this his temporary home that his daughter might enjoy the advantages of the in-stitute. The fire was accidental. The Jurniture was saved. The house was not very valuable and was private property. Partially insured.

Mr. Gorley and Miss Richards Married. Lewis P. Gorley, of the firm of Gorley Bros., brick makers, was married last night to Miss Sallie B. Richards at Greene Memorial Methodist Church by Rev. C. H. Buchannan. They left on the north-bound train for an extended bridal tour.

Miss Ellen Wertz Dend.

Miss Ellen Wertz died yesterday morning at the residence of her brother, Wilson Wertz, 304 Fifth street n. w. She was 52 years of age, and her death was caused by consumption. The fu-neral will take place to-day at Laurel Ridge Church.

The people know the value of THE TIMES as an advertising medium. The merchants have filled its pages with notices of Christmas bargains. AT COLONEL PENN'S.

Brilliant Reception to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hampton Hage.

One of the protticat residences on Campbell street is that of Colonel J. R. Penn. Last night it was the center of attraction to the society people of the city on the occasion of a reception given by Colonel and Mrs. Penn to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hampton Hege.

Mr. Hoge is a brother of Mrs. Penn and was married a few days ago to Miss Otey, a beautiful young lady of Blacks-

At 8 the guests began to arrive and continued to arrive until 11. At least

one hundred people were present.

The hospitable house was thrown wide open and all the charm that beauty, wit and social grace could give was there. there.
It was remarked that more beautiful

women were among the guests than at any other entertainment over given in Roanoke.

Roanoke.

Supper was served from eight to eleven in the most approved style of the chef de cuiseine.

While receiving the congratulations of Roanoke society, Mr. and Mrs. Hoge stood in an alcove of the front parlor.

The bride, a lovely brunette, made a charming picture in her wedding dress with white silk, with a background of white curtains with a large white rug at her feet.

Among those present on this coession were the following:

Supplemented by intimidations.

Although this combination secured victory in Kilkenny, it must be remembered that Kilkenny is not Ireland. They shall be forced to renew the wage of battle at every spect on Irish soil, from the centre to the sea.

The Freeman's Journal says that Parnell started for Paris to-night in order to meet his "trusty licutenant," William O'llrien. Parnell, according to the Journal, refuses to believe the friendly conference between O'Brien and himself will be barren of results watil they have

Among those present on this coession were the following:

Mrs. Tennant, in black and white silk; Mrs. Trout, in black and gold; Mrs. Terry, black silk; Miss Terry, helisrope silk; Miss Mattle Terry, yellow tulle; Miss Lula Terry, white China silk; Miss Trout, embroidered tulle; Miss Mattle Trout, blue silk; Miss Ratio Thomas, black lace; Miss Daniels white China Trout, blue silk; Miss Ratio Thomas, black lace; Miss Daniels, white China silk; Miss Willie Gambill, white crope; Mrs. W. K. Andrews, black lace over green; Mrs. Sam Jamison, black and yellow satin; Mrs. Rd. L. Stone, black silk and yellow arbutilons; Miss Hunt, white china silk; Miss Staples, pink silk and velvet; Miss Sexton, white albatrose; Miss Tinsley, green satin, natural flowers; Mrs. E. H. Stowart, white satin embroidered; Mrs. green satin, natural flowers; Mrs. E. H. Stowart, white satin embroidered; Mrs. Dr. Gale, black silk; Mrs. Lucian Cocke, black and gray; Miss Jones, pink albatross; Miss Fishburne, bluc albatross: Mrs. T. Fishburne, black lace; Mrs. Robert Scott, black satin; Mrs. Woodward, black silk; Mrs. Huff, black silk; Mrs. Spindle, black silk; Miss Blair, blue; and others.

Mrs. Penn wore black silk; Miss Annie Penn pink albatross with ostrich trimming; Miss Lucy Penn blue silk. The gentlemen present were Mossrs. Tennant, Trout, Terry, Davenport,

The gentlemen present were Messra. Tennant, Trout, Terry, Davenport, Andrews, Jamison, Stone, Woods, Gale, Stewart, Cocke, Cobbs, Jones, Davis, Fishburn, Tinsley, Starkey, Glasgow, Hoge, Wallace. Payne, Woodward, Huff, Simmons, Lyle, Hartwell, Hoge, Fishburn, Spindle, and many others. "And all went merry as a Christmas marriage bell." marriage bell.

ALLEGNANY INSTITUTE.

Contamplated Improvements-Work of

Charles Albert Stuteman, of Chio, has been secured to take charge of the preparatory classes of Alleghany Institute. He is a graduate of the Fostoria Normal School, Fostoria, Ohio, and also of Michael's National Pen Art Hall and Business College, Delaware, Ohio, and Business College, Delaware, Ohio, and has had two years' experience in teaching. Desides teaching the classes belonging to our preparatory department, he will teach penmanship, typewriting, stenography and book-keeping.

The school is growing and additional accommodations will be provided. Some new deels, new and better black-beach

There has been a gradual improvement in the school, as is indicated by the increase in the number of golden reports issued for the present month. The "golden report" is awarded to those students who do not fall below 90 on any of their studies, nor below 95 on deport-ment. Of the seventy-one reports issued in October, only fifteen were golden, whereas out of a total of seventy-five for November, thirty-five were golden. The "Iteen who wen golden reports in October were: Messra Russell Acree, of October Were: Messra Russell Aeree, of Danville; "Cenimore Cooper, of Stafford; E. T. Mason, Jr., of Botetourt; G. T. Thombill, of Appomattox; M. Ester Ceeko, of Hollin's Institute, Elmer C. Moomaw, Marshall Nininger, and R. Bruce Webb, of Roan ake county; E. W. Sarnett J. Blair B. Sburne, L. G. Bruce Webb, of Roan ake county; E. W. Barnett, J. Blair Fi aburne, L. G. Funkhouser, E. T. Glass, Edward Van Ness Rawn, and R. J. Woodrum, of Roanoke city, and Miss Evely, James, of Alleghany Institute.

The thirty-five for November Were Russell Acree, E. T. Mason, Jr., G. T. Thombill, M. Estes Cocke, Elmer Thombilll, M. Estes Cocke, Elmer Thombill, M. Estes Cocke, Elmer Thombill

Thombill, M. Estes Cocke, Elmer C. Moomaw, Marshall Nininger, R. Bruco Wobb, E. W. Barnett, J. Blair Fishburne, L. G. Funkhouser, E. T. Glass and Evelyn James, with the addition of Jos. A. Turner, of Hollins; P. G. Cook, of Bonsack; Jas. E. Loyd, of Bedford; C. R. Moses, of Montgomery; Jas. T. Jarrett, of Henry; J. L. Moomaw, of Cloondale; W. P. Ninger, David W. Persinger and Thos, L. Webb, ef Roanske county, and Walter Daniell, Philip oke county, and Walter Daniell, Philip R. Meade, L. C. Oakley, Robert Lee Ott, M. J. Patsel, Sidney C. Priddy, J. D. Ribble, Chas. Ribble, Frank T. Stone, Jas. R. Vaughn, Jno. L. Vaughn, Fred. L. Wagner and G. A. Wingfield, of Roan-oke city. The reports for December will

Church Services To-Day

be out next week.

Services at St. Andrew's Catholic Church will be as follows: First mass at 5 o'clock, second at 8 and third at 10. The Sunday school choir will furnish the music at the first mass and the regular choir will render La Hache's mass

t 10 o'clock. Christmas services will also be neid t St. John's Episcopal and Greene Jemorial. Services will be held at the second Lutheran Church at night.

KILKENNY IS NOT IRELAND.

The Consolation of Parnell's Champion,

That Says the Battle is to be Forced to Every Spot of Irish Soll--Parnell to Confer With O'Brion in Paris -- The Opinions of the Chroniele, Standard

United Ireland to-day, referring to the recent election in North Kilkenny, says: Kilkenny has decised for Gladstone against Parnell. The battle was fought with every weapon hatred, malice, ingratitude and treachery could supply. Behind the mutineers were the priests eager to regain the power Parnell secured for Ireland ten years ago; they sanctioned the methods of warfare hitherto unused, and open fighting was supplemented by intimidations.

conference between O'Brien and himself will be barren of results until they have definitely failed to establish a modus

vivendi LONDON, Dec. 24.—[Special]—The Standard thinks that Parnell has some ground for the confidence he professes to feel. "Had the election been held in the town of Kilkenny," it says, "there is not an atom of doubt that he would bave got an overwhelming victory. Many who would have otherwise supported Parnell doubtless abstained, bewildered by priestly pressure. As long as the split lasts it is a matter of indifference to the

Unionists who wins.
The Chronicle thinks the return of the arch mischief-maker to the Conthe arch mischief-maker to the Con-servative party cannot cause much joy to Gladstone and Morley. Having so correctly gauged the party feeling in Kilkenuy, Mr. Davitt and his friends, it says, have probably gauged it with equal accuracy as regards Ireland itself. If so, the Parnellites will soon be ex-tinguished.

If so, the Parnellites will soon be extinguished.

The Telegram says it remains to be seen how the McCarthyites can held together without Parnell's personal magnetism and American and, the necessitous gentlemen who find in patriotism their delly breads.

If you have a want put a small ad, in THE TIMES. It will bring you what you

THIS IS CHRISTMAS.

How the Day is Being Observed by the People of Rounoke.

Christmas in Roanoke began last night. The boys were popping crackers and shooting roman candles and skyreckets on the Salem avenue with unbounded license.

bounded license.

The sidewalks along Salem avenue and Jefferson street were crowded, and the principal store were jamined with fond parents with big hearts and full pockets books laying in arms full and baskets full of taffy and toys and trinkets for the little ones at home.

Everyons seemed joyful: there was no sign of "want, colder than charity, shivering at the street corners"; for want was more probably hovering over the ashes in a cabin is the suburbs, or stretched beneath a single blanket on

Hotel, both of which are gotten up in exquisite style, and the bills of fare make those who can read French long to the hour of Christmas dinner to arrive.

Christmas Charity.

A charitable lady called at the office of Time Times yesterday and left \$5 to be used for the relief of the poor of the city. This, with any other contributions that may be sent to THE TIMES, will be turned over to the mayor, who will see that they are bestowed upon worthy objects.

Let not these in Roanoke who are "clad in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day" forget that He for whose birth this day is celebrated said, "the poor he have always with

The Juniors' Ball.

The Junior Hose Company held its holiday ball last night at the hall of the company, at the corner of Campbell and Roanoke streets. There was a barge crowd in attendace, and the fire the pleasures of the dance with the the preasures of the dame with the many pretty ladies that were gathered there u. till the early hours of the morning. The ball was held for the benefit of the com, any.

Bruce Sues for Damages.

Thomas Bruce, who was arrested here some time ago cha. ged with mutilating records in the office of Railroad Commissioner Hill, was given a hearing in dismissed. Bruce has in stituted against the Advance Publi shing Company, of Lynchburg, and the Richmond State, for libel, placing his dan tages at \$5,000 in each instance.

McLean and Prescott To-Night W. D. McLean and Mario Presen

will appear to-night at the Opera House in the interesting drama, Spartacus. This will be the leading attraction of the season, and the house will be crowded to right and to-morrow night with the best people of Roanoke. FIVE NEGROES LYNCHED.

Dr. Riggan's Murderers Taken 7,500 Men Out, and Traffic From Jail by a Mob.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.-[Special]-Reports received here to-night say that the five negroes arrested and lodged in the country jail of Mecklenburg county for the murder of Dr. E. H. Riggan were taken from the jail last night by a DUBLIE, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-The | mob and lynchod. Dr. Riggan was 50 years of age.

The verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held to-day in the case of Paul Young for shooting and killing Robert Gilliam yesterday afternoon was that Gilliam's death was caused by a pistol ball fired by Young. The accused has been recommitted to jail.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Short Sketches of the Beys and Girls

Miss Fannie P. Boley, who was awarded the prize for the best essay writton in THE TIMES PRIZE ESSAT CON-TEST, is a bright and decidedly pretty girl of 15 years of age. She was born in Bedford sounty, but has lived in Reauoke for eight years, during which time she has attended the public schools. The has ever been studious and has won the esteem of her schoolmates and teachers. She is the daughter of E. M. Boley, a carponter, who resides at 737 Nerfolk avenue.

Miss Flora Lewis, who won the prize

Roley, a carpenter, who resides at 737
Norfolk avenue.

Miss Flora Lewis, who won the prize in Principal Manzy's room is a quiet, modest looking young lady of fifteen, and is very popular among her schoolmates. She is the daughter of Scott Lewis, who came here several years ago from Winchester. She has attended the public schools, and has always been regarded as one of the brightest pupils.

Miss Maggio M. Bowers, who received the prize in the Third grammar grade of the First ward school, is a daughter of Mr. George F. Rowers, who lives at 613 Third avenue n. w. Miss Bowers is fifteen years old, is a slender and stylish little brunette of quiet manners and returing disposition; has a perfect record as regards deportment at school.

Master Robert Payne, the successful contestant in Miss Rickaday's room, is a son of the late Dr. J. M. Payne. He was born in Richmend and has lived in Roanoke for nine years. He is fourteen years of age, and resides with his mother at 309 Campbell street. Robert is an intelligent and industrious boy.

Miss Mary Baker, of the Third Ward school, who won the prize in Principal Beckham's room, is fifteen years of gge.

Joseph D. Fackenthall, who received the prize in Grade A, of Miss Eckloff's room, came to Roancke with his parents from Altoona; Pa., about six weeks ago. His essay published in yesterday, a Times shows that he is remerkably observant, and accumulated much information for a boy of cloven years of age.

Miss Lizzie Fisher, who won the prize in Grade R. of Miss Lethar.

for a boy of eleven years of age.

Miss Lizzie Fisher, who wen the prize in Grade B. of Miss Eckloff's room, is eleven years of age and the daughter of an English mechanic. She has resided in Roanoke only five months, and during the time she has attended school has made rapid progress in her studies.

Tramps Lynched by Raticond Mon.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 24.-[Special]-News has reached here that the ashes in a cabin is the suburbs, or stretched beneath a single blanket on the floor to keep warm.

The hotels have all propared elegant menus for their Christmas dinners. This Thus has received the menus of the liotel Ronnoke and the Continuental liotel, both of which soon after from the injuries. Reports say that the tramps were caught near Huntingdon and three of them lynched,

> The Senate Adjourns for the Holldays. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- | Special |-The Senate to-day continued the debate on the force bill, Mr. Morgan calling up his resolution directing the commit-tee on privileges and elections to amend section 31 of the bill. The Senate adjourned till Saturday noon with the understanding that at that time the Vice-President shall declare the Senate adjourned till Monday at noon.

Bold Burglary at Bristol.

BRISTOL, Tenu., Dec. 24 .- [Special]-Two or three bold robberies have been committed in the city the last day or two. This morning a negro entered J. H. Everett's bedroom and stole a fine gold watch, a suit of clothes and some other things, amounting to about \$100.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-The President to-day issued his proclamation announcing that the legal formalities had been complied with in regard

World's Fair Proclamation.

to the Chicago Exposition, and extending an invitation to foreign nations to participate therein. Danville Tobacco Sales.

DANVILLE, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-The sales of leaf tobacco in this market were 1,488,763 pounds. The sales since October first, the beginning of the tobacco year, were 9,528,448 pounds, an increase of 1,091,000 pounds.

Pounding Ministers

Revs. J. H. Boyd and C. H. Buchanan, of Greene Memorial Church, were pounded by the congregation of the

After the regular prayer meeting services the congregation divided, part roing to the residence of one and the mainder to the other, carrying van tety of things for the larder and upply of delicacies for Christmas

THE BIG STRIKE IN SCOTLAMD.

Suspended.

The North British Company Detern to Fight the Strikers to the Hud-The Price of Coal Advancing, and a Famine is Imminent-All the Public Works Without Fuel.

GLASCOW, D.e. 24.-[Special]-As a meeting of the North British Rallroad directors to-day it was decided to proseonto the strike to the fullest extent of the law, and that the company will close its lines rather than yield to the strikers.

The strikers have been considerably emaged by the announcement made today that the railroad officials refuse to pay the strikers any portion of the wages which may now be due to them. This action, according to the railroad officials, is taken upon legal advice. pending a decision from the sourts as to the validity of contracts existing between the company and its employes. This step greatly increases public sympathy for the strikers. It is also thought that this action upon the part of the railroad company may excite the strikors to violence.

It is estimated about 7,500 men are now out on a strike, and business may be said to be entirely at a standstill. On the North British lines trafle is suspended, while others are working in an irregular manner. The price of coal has already advanced zoven shillings per ton with prospects of a still further advance in the price before long. In addition to the ceal trouble, which seriously affects poorer classes already, it is said that a gas famine is imminent, and the police are already taking steps to provide espesial constables to guard the city in case the supply of gas sheeld give out and the city be plunged fate total darkness to night.

All the shipbuilding yards and public works are without fuel, and they or peet to be forced to close their doors unless the strike is settled within a very short time. Strong detachments of police are guarding the railroad depots, It is estimated about 7,500 men are now

less the strike is settled within a very short time. Strong detachments of police are guarding the railroad depota, which are surrounded by crowds of strikers, accompanied by their wives and families, who jeer and laugh at the bungling efforts of railroad porters, lampmen, sweepers, clerks and others who have been pressed into the service of making up and running a few trains of making up and running a few trains which the railroad officials manage to

Illinois Legislature Contest.

SPRINGPIELO, Ille., Dec. 24-[Special]
Notice was served last night that R. L. Merritt's sent in the legislature would be contested on the ground that he had moved to Nobraska and has not been a resident of Illinois for live years, as required by law. Merritt is a Demo-erat and the closeness of the legislature in the coming election for United Statos Senator makes the content in riverse. in the coming election for United States Senator makes the contesting important. Merritt admits having engaged experimentally for a time in business at Omaha, but says he did not remove his family and consequently retained residence here. Contests involving two Republican members are also pending.

Making Tin Plate.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 24 .- | Special |- A Chattanooga, Tennessee, special says: Tin plate has been made in St. Louis by the granite iron rolling mill, the sheet to be dipped having been rolled from the Basic steel made by the South-ern Iron Company, of this city, from cheap Southern ores mined in this city and vicinity. The St. Louis men say that they are delighted with the material. It is excellent for the purpose and they propose to use it steadily. Tin plate from Chattanooga steel means the making of the finished

750 Barrels of Whiskey Burned. NASHVILLE, Dec. 24 .- [Special] -- The warehouse and distillery of Stephens &

Co., pear Cartner's Station, was burned last night, together with seven hundred and fifty barrels of whiskey. The less is about \$18,000 on whiskey and \$2,000 on house and machinery. The insurance about \$18,000 on whiskey and \$3,000 on house and machinery. The insurance on the whiskey is \$14,000. The fire is supposed to be incendiary. The government revenue tax on the whiskey destroyed would have amounted to about

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-The Savannah Piro and Marine Insurance Company wound up its affairs to-day. The company was organized in 1687 with cash capital of \$300,000. Threatened adverse legislation in Georgia was the principal cause of the closing up the business. The company has a sur-plus of \$20,000, which will be distributed among the stockholders. The policies will be transferred to the Hartford Fire

Insuranco Company. Frank K. Ward Acquitted. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .-- [Special]-The jury in the case of Frank K. Ward, for many years a well-known man about town, and who during the last two weeks has been on trial hero charged with the murder of Maurice Adler, to-night, after a short absence, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The killing, which created a sensation at the time, teek place in the Marble Saloon, on

Pennsylvania avenue, June 18, 1889. Against Bar Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- [Special]-The President to-day returned to the Senate without his approval the bill for the creation of a public building at Bar Harbor, Maine.

The Weather To-Day.

Indications: For Virginia, colder, fair northerly winds; snow Thursday night.